

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1, for example, recites first and second warps arranged in respective layers.

In contrast, Roon teaches only first warps. The Examiner relies upon the warp threads 12a and 12b of DeRoon as respectively corresponding to the claimed first and second warps. However, the warp thread 12a is the same as the warp thread 12b, thus, this reference does not teach first and second warps arranged in respective layers, as claimed. Instead, there is only one type of warp in Roon. Roon, FIG. 2.

In this sense, Roon is similar to the related art discussed in the present specification, in which the warps and the wefts are formed as one layer. Accordingly, Roon suffers from deficiencies of the one layer structure, such as limited stretchability.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

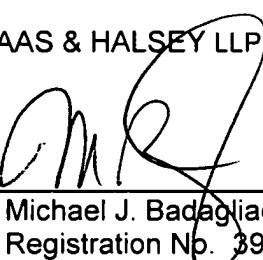
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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